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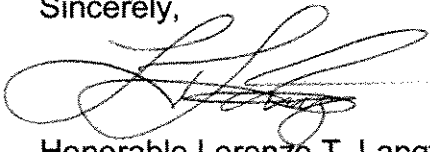
Re: Atlantic City Beaches

Dear Congressman:

As I am sure you are aware, the Atlantic City beach is a vital asset to our community for both regional tourism and local recreation. The Boardwalk, beach and dune system has been the subject of severe erosion over the last several years. The erosion has reduced the recreational value of our beach and negatively impacted tourism and our recreation and open space inventory. In addition, the loss of significant portions of the dune system constructed by the Corps of Engineers as a storm protection device, places in jeopardy our Boardwalk, residential and commercial structure in this community.

The City respectfully requests your assistance in restoring the federal funding for beach maintenance that was programmed and promised when the Corps of Engineers started this project in 2004. This funding and with it the fulfillment of the original project objectives, is necessary on an emergent basis to protect our properties, retain our role as a tourist destination and to maintain this historically significant amenity.

Sincerely,



Honorable Lorenzo T. Langford
Mayor

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